

Board of Selectmen Agenda
Special Meeting
October 4, 2017 at 7:30 pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

First Selectman Nina Daniel called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Selectmen Chris Spaulding and Dennis Tracey were present. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene, Animal Control Officer Mark Harper, DPW Director Joe Lametta and Weston Residents.

This meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on Channel 79 and on our Town of Weston website.

- 1- **Pledge of Allegiance** – led by Dennis Tracey
- 2- **Discussion/ Decision to approve a special appropriation of up to \$5,000 for land surveying and wetlands soil identification services to be performed on the town-owned 36 acre parcel located off of Lord's Highway East & Davis Hill Road.** Mr. Luiz explained the request to pursue a different entrance to the Moore Property via Lords Highway East. Additional land surveys would need to be performed to gather information about this entrance location. Mr. Tracey stated he felt this would be a better entrance but was concerned about the escalating costs. Mr. Spaulding added that he agrees with Mr. Tracey but feels this is a necessary survey and he is hoping the Dog Park committee would be able to raise enough funds to defray some of these expenses. Mr. Tracey requested the Dog Park Committee submit a budget to the Selectmen. Mr. Spaulding moved to approve a special appropriation of up to \$5,000 for land surveying and wetlands soil identification services to be performed on the town-owned 36 acre parcel located off of Lord's Highway East and Davis Hill Road. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3- **Discussion / Decision to allow Deer Hunting on town-owned property:** Mr. Harper explained how keeping the deer population down helps control Lyme disease and prevents car accidents with deer that jump into the road. Mr. Tracey moved to allow deer hunting at the following town-owned properties between October 11th 2017 and January 31st 2018 and at Lachat Farm which will commence in November: Transfer Station; Moore Property Bisceglie Park (near Hillside Road S.); Fromson-Strassler; & Lachat Farm (near Ladder Hill Road) with the following exceptions : Only bow hunting shall be allowed; All hunters shall register in advance with the ACO; All hunters shall report killed deer sex and size to the ACO; Hunting notification letters shall be mailed out by the ACO to abutting property owners; Hunting shall not take place outside of the October 11, 2017 thru January 31, 2018 time period. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4- **Discussion/ Decision to purchase a new dump truck:** Mr. Lametta, Director of Public Works, stated that this purchase was included in this year's capital budget. He also said he collected several bids for this new truck. Mr. Lametta also stated that the DPW trucks are on a 10 year replacement cycle which he tries to extend by a year or so, but some vehicles become unsafe to drive and must be replaced. Mr. Spaulding moved to authorize the purchase of a dump truck chassis and body as recommended by the Public Works Director, up to \$156,000. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5- **Discussion/Decision to approve a special appropriation of \$1,940 for additional temporary staffing in the Social Services Department:** Ms. Daniel explained that this department is short staff and still without a Youth Services Director, they could use temporary staffing. Mr. Tracey moved to approve a special appropriation of \$1,940 for additional temporary staffing in the Social Services Department. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6- **First Selectman's Update:**
- a. Ms. Daniel spoke about Route 57 and the CT DOT – stating that the CT DOT hopes to be finished with the disruptive part of the construction by end of December 2017.
 - b. Ms. Daniel mentioned that the CT DOT will be holding an informational session on Oct 17th to discuss their next project planned for the summer of 2020.
 - c. Ms. Daniel stated she is working with WestCOG to improve the intersection at Rt. 57 and School Road
- 7- **Approval of Minutes: September 7, 2017; September 9, 2017; September 14, 2017**
Mr. Spaulding moved to approve the unapproved minutes of the following Board of Selectmen meetings: September 7, 2017; September 9, 2017; September 14, 2017 (two sets of minutes on that September 14th). Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8- **Adjournment.** Mr. Tracey moved to adjourn at 8:25pm. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Submitted by:
Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Approved: October 19, 2017